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What is claimed is:

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1. A method for order confirmation in a supply chain management framework, comprising:
 - a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
 - b) allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface;
 - c) generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain, the electronic order forms requesting a confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms;
 - d) determining whether the confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms is received from the distributors;
 - e) generating an alert upon it being determined that the confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms was not from the distributors.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation is received utilizing the network.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the network includes the Internet.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the alert is transmitted to the stores utilizing the network.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the alert is displayed on the network-based interface.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the alert includes an electronic mail message.

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- 1 7. A system for order confirmation in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
5 b) logic for allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface;
6 c) logic for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods
7 from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain, the electronic order forms
8 requesting a confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms;
9 d) logic for determining whether the confirmation of the receipt of the electronic
10 order forms is received from the distributors;
11 e) logic for generating an alert upon it being determined that the confirmation of the
12 receipt of the electronic order forms was not from the distributors.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the confirmation is received utilizing the network.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the alert is transmitted to the stores utilizing the
2 network.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the alert is displayed on the network-based
2 interface.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the alert includes an electronic mail message.

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- 1 13. A computer program product for order confirmation in a supply chain
2 management framework, comprising:
3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
5 b) computer code for allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface;

- 6 c) computer code for generating electronic order forms based on the data for
 7 ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain, the electronic
 8 order forms requesting a confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms;
 9 d) computer code for determining whether the confirmation of the receipt of the
 10 electronic order forms is received from the distributors;
 11 e) computer code for generating an alert upon it being determined that the
 12 confirmation of the receipt of the electronic order forms was not from the
 13 distributors.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the confirmation is received
 2 utilizing the network.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the network includes the
 2 Internet.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the alert is transmitted to the
 2 stores utilizing the network.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the alert is displayed on the
 2 network-based interface.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the alert includes an
 2 electronic mail message.